

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## NEW LONDON.

Contract Awarded For Plumbing of  
Thames Hall at Connecticut Col-  
lege.

Work was started Wednesday on the plumbing at Thames hall at Connecticut College, the contract for which was awarded Tuesday afternoon to Jordan & Cleary. The contract, which is an extensive one, must be finished in time for the college opening on September 27. Joseph A. Dolan & Co., who have the general contract for the refectory, have the building well under way. The exterior is finished and plaster board is now being applied and window sash put in.

**Bank Street Changes.**  
H. R. Douglass, Inc., has the contract for the changes to the building belonging to F. H. Davis on Bank street. A new copper store front will be built, interior changes made and a three-story brick addition, 37x70 feet, built in the rear. An elevator will be installed. C. H. Smith, H. R. Douglass, and Thompson are the architects.

**Plans for Power Station.**  
The estimates for the proposed power station to be built on William street for the Shore Line Electric Railway run too high and the plans are now being revised. The plans call for a brick structure, 45x50 feet, and from 25 to 30 feet high.

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Plans drawn by C. H. Gibeby, are being figured for a three-story frame tenement house to be built for Louis Tanner. It will be 30x50 and will cost \$5,000.

**Contracts Let.**  
Daniel & Ryan are doing the mason work, Hugh McPartland the plumbing and heating and the Providence Steel & Iron Co. the steel work on the four-story brick store and apartment block which Lubchansky Bros. are erecting for Max Meyer at the corner of Bradley and Douglas streets. Architect M. B. Payne drew the plans.

## BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Many Contracts Awarded Last Week and Numerous Projects Are Under Consideration.

Real estate transactions in the town of Connecticut reported in The Commercial Record show a considerable increase over the same week of last year, the number of sales for the past week being 278, against 233 last year. The total amount of mortgage loans for the week is \$1,005,128, comparing with \$963,349 for the same week of last year. Under ordinary circumstances, would represent an increase, but last year, as will be remembered, a mortgage for \$9,000,000 was taken up by the New England Navigation Co.

Eleven incorporations with aggregate capital stock of \$3,665,000, last week showed a decided gain over last year, when but three incorporations with capital stock of \$125,000 were recorded in this State.

The four petitions in bankruptcy last week have assets of \$8,638 and liabilities of \$48,731, a record about equal to that of last year.

Buildings were issued last week in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford to the number of 128, for buildings costing \$874,109, a record about equal to that of the second week in August in the past two years.

Contracts awarded last week include residence work in New Haven, Hartford, Meriden, Bridgeport, factory buildings in Hagerman, bank alterations in Hartford, addition to society building in New Haven, garage in New Haven, casting shop in Bridgeport and several additional factories for the Winchester Arms Co. in New Haven store and tenement building in Windsor Locks, and a number of three and six-family houses in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford.

The most important new project reported last week is for a number of new houses to be erected in Bridgeport by the Remington Co. About 125 houses will be erected on property which has been purchased by the company recently. Other new work reported includes a bank building in Stratford, brick business block in Waterbury, factory addition in Bristol, brick apartment house in Hartford, and store and apartment building in the same city, a number of two and three-family houses in Bridgeport, and factory work in New Haven.

Last week there had been seven sales of real estate to four a year ago, while the mortgage loans for the respective weeks were \$12,500 and \$5,600.

In New London the realty sales last week totaled seven against ten a year ago, the loans being \$13,200 and \$21,600 for the respective weeks.

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## BUILDINGS AT FAIR GROUNDS

Machinery Shed, Governor's Box and Addition to Stage  
Underway—New Car barn on Old Site at Thamesville

A machinery shed, a governor's box, an addition to the stage, new dressing rooms, rebuilt entrances and a press stand are included in the improvements being made at the fair grounds this year by the New London County Agricultural Society. With Labor Day only a little over two weeks away Secretary William W. Beckwith is pushing the improvements along as rapidly as possible and it is expected that everything will be in readiness for the opening day of the fair. The machinery shed will be 32x16 and of frame construction and the work will be started immediately. The addition to the stage is 16x24 and the governor's box is to be 14x14. This is being built for the accommodation of Governor Marcus H. Holcomb and party who are to favor the fair with their presence on the second day. The box will be capable of accommodating 25 or 30 people. The new dressing rooms will make a decided improvement, and the press stand is to be located near the judge's stand. Both entrances to the grounds have been rebuilt and there are to be coin controlled turnstile machines.

Painters have been at work this week repainting all the buildings and the fence around the race track is to be straightened and will receive a coat of paint. On Friday Secretary Beckwith is planning to look over the wiring. Electric lights are to be installed in some of the buildings that have not been wired in previous years and the electric lighting is to be increased more than double in the exhibition hall and about the grounds.

**Thamesville Car barn.**  
Plans are being prepared by Architects Cudworth, Woodworth and Thompson for a new six room cottage on Howard avenue, Potter Manor. The cottage is now in and the raising of the walls will be soon underway. The cottage is to be fitted with modern improvements. Mr. Potter is also finishing up the work on an attractive residence on St. Regis avenue. This house is all plastered. It is two and one-half stories high and contains 8 rooms with modern improvements.

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## SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Dwight Blish has work well under way on the erection of a well under for himself on Cambridge street. It will contain six rooms and will be provided with modern conveniences. The house is to be of brick construction and is receiving bids for the erection of a frame block on Division street. It will be arranged for four tenements of five rooms each.

The new bungalow being erected on South Main street for Mark Cheney is now being plastered. The bungalow, addition to society building on Cambridge street by Edward J. Holl is now ready for plastering. Edward J. Holl is finishing his new bungalow on Cambridge street.

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## County Improvement League Data

By County Agent F. C. WARNER

**What the Agent Has Been Doing.**  
Last week the agent spent Monday in Norwich, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Lebanon in giving valuable advice in regard to the damage done to field crops by the recent storms. Tuesday he was in Storrs attending the State Dairyman's meeting. Wednesday was spent in Mystic where he attended the New London County Pomona Grange meeting. Thursday was spent with the Cow Tester, visiting some of the farmers and herds in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Friday was given to working with Mr. Cutler and Dr. North on the Boston Chamber of Commerce Milk Investigation.

New work the agent expects to be doing in Hadlyme, Monday giving a cannery demonstration in co-operation with Miss Sprague and in visiting the garden plots of the National Achievement club. Tuesday will be spent in Colchester and West Lebanon giving cannery demonstrations. Wednesday he will attend the New Haven Experiment Station Field day. Thursday will be spent in Griswold in visiting our director and getting acquainted with the community. Friday will probably be spent at the Grange outing at Atlantic Beach.

## Milk Production.

Last week the county agent spent considerable time working with Mr. Orcutt, secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and also with Mr. Cutler of Boston and Putnam and Dr. North of New York city and others in regard to the milk and cream industry of New England. The milk report by the Boston Chamber of Commerce committee on agriculture, on the milk and cream conditions in New England, just issued, deserves more than a passing notice. The fact that the Boston Chamber of Commerce, one of the strongest, if not the strongest Chamber of Commerce in the United States, say vital reasons for making the investigation which it ably states under the head of "Reasons for the Investigation" in the report, should make the dairy interests of New England thankful that such an organization exists. An examination of the list of names comprising the committee, four of whom we are advised are large milk producers, would lead us to expect a thorough investigation as to the conditions existing in the milk and cream industries and wise suggestions for the solution of the difficulties which all interested parties connected with it appear to be under. Living in this country, in a small section of New England, among producers of milk, we never before had brought to our attention so clearly and with such apparent fairness the many difficulties connected with this large branch of a great New England industry, the sustenance of which, on at least a self-sustaining basis, is so important to

## STONINGTON.

Encouragement in Behalf of Home For Historical Genealogical Society.

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far out of the way. The truth is, however, that there is not a great deal of available land within the borough limits which could be bought at anything like a reasonable price for this purpose. That the building should be located within the borough seems, however, to be the general opinion among the members of the society.

## STAFFORD SPRINGS.

Henry Schwanda, Anton Dvorsky, Paul Dusha, all of New York city, and Anton Hak, Willington, have purchased the Hope mill property, Staffordville. The men will form a company under the laws of this State for the manufacture of pearl buttons that will be known as the United Pearl Button Manufacturing Co., Inc. with an authorized capital of \$50,000. Repairs to the mill and houses that go with it will commence shortly, under the supervision of Mr. Hak, who is the company's local manager, who owns a like concern at Willington.

## MIDDLETOWN.

Plans are being prepared for extensive alterations to the residence at 376 Washington street, which has been purchased by Mrs. Eleanor G. Acheson, 142 Broad street.

Dayton T. Baldwin has purchased the Leeds & Catlin factory at 22 Main street from Fred L. Caulkins. Mr. Baldwin will use the plant for his automobile business.

## BOLTON.

Work has been started on the foundation for the new cottage in Bolton for H. B. DeWolf. It will be 24x30 feet and will contain six rooms. John Christensen of Bolton is the contractor and Harry P. Hills will furnish the lumber.

## AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

### POULTRY HOUSE APPLIANCES.

Limited Number the Ideal—Hints on Best Arrangements for Prevention of Disease.

The ideal poultry house has a limited number of inside appliances to collect the dust and dirt, to take up valuable floor room, and harbor various diseases and pests. Roosts are essential, this depending upon the number of birds to be housed. A system of cleaning and the amount of litter available. If dropping boards are used, they should be of good matched boards, well fitted, and should be cleaned at least twice a week. Where plenty of litter is available the house can be cleaned every few weeks. Dropping boards may be done away with at a considerable decreased cost of house construction, of labor in cleaning, and increased cleanliness. Under these conditions, roosts should be only 30 inches from the floor with plenty of clean litter. It is surprising to note how thoroughly the hens keep it well mixed and evenly distributed over the entire floor. With a board or concrete floor it is probably advisable to have a dust wallow for use in the winter time about the feet square for a pen of 40 square feet. This dust wallow may best be built outside just beneath the front and protected by a glass sash, being accessible through a small opening in the front of the building just large enough to permit the hens to pass through. This prevents the dust from settling on all parts of the building and avoids taking up floor space within the building.

Feed hoppers may be of metal or may be built into the houses in the partitions. They should be large enough to hold at least a week's supply of dry mash, grit and oyster shells, and should be high enough above the floor to allow the hens to use all available floor space for scratching. The same applies to drinking fountains which should be placed on a table in the center of the pen 14 to 18 inches above the ground. Eight-quart pails held in a wooden or wire frame make cheap and serviceable drinking fountains, and hens do not foul them. The nest should be on the partitions opposite the feed hopper, never under the dropping boards. They will make

the floor beneath so dark that hens will not use it and furthermore will attract lice and mites if they are in the building. It is better to have the wall and properly covered to keep the daylight that can be kept more sanitary and may be more attractive to the fowls. They should be covered over with a slanting roof so that hens cannot roost upon them with a door in front for gathering the eggs and small openings at each end for the hens to enter. There should be one nest for every eight birds. The building should be equipped with doors that will swing both ways in order to save time in passing through the house, and to prevent the birds from slipping through before the door can be closed. All doors and partitions should be of solid material in order to prevent drafts during the winter.

**Thinning Peaches.**  
If there is a heavy set of fruit left after the "June drop" it should be thinned so that the fruits left are evenly distributed as possible over the entire tree and average from four to six inches apart on the bearing wood. Thinning should be done just before the pits begin to harden when the fruits are about three-fourths of an inch in diameter. It is the maturing of the pits which exhausts the vitality of the tree and the ripening of pits of a good crop is a useless strain on the tree. Thinned fruit is larger and usually better colored and flavored than unthinned fruit, and the yield is just as large in bulk and sells at a higher price. The fruit must all be picked some time and the surplus is quicker and easier removed at thinning time than at harvesting time. The average cost of thinning is about ten cents per tree.

### Partial to Apple Trees.

According to the department of agriculture, in orchards, the tree most likely to be affected by the gypsy moth is the apple. Spraying with arsenate of lead at the rate of 10 lbs. to 100 gals. of water will control moderate infestations of the gypsy moth, as well as of the codling moth. Additional precautions that are desirable are to fill or cut down all hollow trees and clean up or burn all rubbish in which the moths may deposit their eggs. In severe infestations, the crescenting of

egg clusters and the branding of trees at all times in hoppers that will not waste. A simple and satisfactory mash may be composed of Bran, Ground Oats, Flour Middlings, Corn Meal, and Beef Scrap, equal parts by weight. The Beef Scrap may be cut in half or even omitted if plenty of sour milk is available. The grain ration may consist of Wheat, Cracked Corn and Oats, equal parts by weight. The grain may be fed either in hoppers or by hand, hand feeding usually being much preferred as it enables the feeder to control the proportion of grain and mash consumed. Green feed is also very important. It is best furnished in large glass runs but succulent crops such as Dwarf Essex Rape and Swiss Chard may be used as substitutes. Fresh water should be kept before the birds at all times and they will appreciate having it changed two or three times a day. Some of the most successful poultry-men are feeding sour milk with no water and having very satisfactory results.

### SELECTING SEED POTATOES.

It is One of the Best Ways to Increase Yield.

Experiments have been conducted with successful potato growers have proved that the selection of potatoes for seed purposes is one of the best ways of increasing yields per acre. Since the law of diminishing returns applies to plant growth as well as animal growth, that is, like has a tendency to produce like, one should take advantage in this the piggery and the endeavor to grow a very large acreage of potatoes.

Good seed can be developed by selecting those hills which are producing wonderfully good yields. A standard should be set and hills having several potatoes of a certain size should be selected.

Concerning potato selection for seed, the department of agriculture makes the following suggestions to farmers who plant home-grown potatoes. Good seed is a determining factor in the production of maximum crops of potatoes.

Good seed may be obtained by the tuber-unit and hill-selection methods of selection through the elimination of unproductive and weak plants.

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Hogs which are free from the disease should be protected as much as possible from the disease.

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### GROWING CHICKENS.

How They Should Be Cared For Between Incubation and Winter Egg Production.

The connecting link between incubation and brooding and winter egg production is caring for the growing stock. This is a part of the poultry work which is often neglected, due no doubt to the fact that after chickens get feathered out they will stand a lot of abuse. However, chickens are comparable with the gains of all other kinds of live stock. The cheapest gains are put on while the chicks are small. It naturally follows that the healthy, fast growing chicks will cost much less at maturity per pound of live weight than the slow growing ones. A little extra care now will pay off in a big way later in the season. If a stock of pullets are to lay heavily during the fall and winter they must have the greatest possible vigor and vitality. This vigor and vitality may be greatly improved in any stock by proper feed, large shady runs and airy roosting houses during the summer months.

It is generally conceded that chicks should be fed rather sparingly during the first week but this does not mean that a little later in the season. While the growing stock is between the age of one month and six months they may be fed all they will eat and give good returns for every bit of it. Healthy appetites and large gains mean vigorous chicks and good winter production. Liberal feeding of sour milk is very important, not only for the food material which it contains but also for the fact that it enables the chicks to eat and digest a larger amount of other feeds. Dry

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### CONNECTICUT HENS ARE NOW IN THE LEAD.

In Egg Laying Contest for First Time Since Fifth Week.

Connecticut hens now enjoy undisputed lead in the laying contest. From Cheshire that were tied last week with Barren's birds from England are the state's top egg layers. This is the first time a Connecticut pen has held first place since Windawer Farm's Leghorns lost the lead in the third week of the contest.

The total yield for all pens was 3255 eggs or 146 better than for the preceding week. Barren's English Wyandottes were easy first with a yield of 57 eggs. The Storrs Station's sour milk pen of Leghorns were second with a production of 55, while two New York pens, namely, Rhode Island 145, owned by Charles O. Folmer of Newburgh and Haplich & Danks' White Leghorns from North Branch took third place with 54 eggs each. Hen 361 from St. Albans, Vt. is the first and only individual thus far that has produced more than 200 eggs, 208 to be exact. The Rhode Island 145, owned by Mrs. R. W. Stevens, Stillwater, N. Y., has a record of 156 eggs, and as English Wyandottes, 29, owned by one of the Storrs Station's Leghorns, No. 554, have laid 197 eggs each. The Rhode Island Red's record of 208 above is six eggs ahead of the best individual record for the corresponding date last year.

During the past fortnight the owners of more than thirty pens in the contest representing birds from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania, have personally stated the competition and seen for themselves just how it is being conducted.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows:

F. M. Peasley, Cheshire, Conn., White Leghorns, 1627; Tom Barron, Catford, near Preston, England, White Leghorns, 1625; Tom Barron, Catford, England, White Wyandottes, 1625; Ed. Cam, Houghton, near Preston, England, White Wyandottes, 1619; Windawer Farm, Groton, Conn., White Leghorns, 1606; Hillyard Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt., Rhode Island Red, 1591; A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., White Leghorns, 1587; Branford Farm, Groton, Conn., White Leghorns, 1505; N. W. Reddy, New Haven, Conn., White Leghorns, 1499; J. Collinson, Barnum, Calverton, England, Black Leghorns, 1487. The ten leading Connecticut pens to date are as follows: attempting the four above.

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### Governor's Day, Sept. 7th

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MAYORS AND PROMINENT MEN FROM ALL OVER THE STATE  
WILL BE OUR GUESTS ON THIS DAY

MILITARY ESCORT FOR THE GOVERNOR AND HIS PARTY  
HIS EXCELLENCY WILL SPEAK AT 1.30 P. M.

A GATHERING IN OF  
OLD FRIENDS — OLD COMRADES — OLD NEIGHBORS

WE WANT YOU WITH US BECAUSE  
THIS IS YOUR GOVERNOR — THIS IS YOUR FAIR  
THE ONLY FAIR IN THE STATE WITH A CATTLE SHOW  
THIS YEAR

\$3,000.00 IN PURSES  
STEPPING BY STEPPERS THAT STEP REAL STEPS  
BIG FREE VAUDEVILLE SHOW DAY AND EVENING  
BIG MIDWAY

Day and Night Fireworks Two Bands Fair In Full Swing Day and Night